IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Atty Dkt. 1035-286 In re Patent Application of M# C# بياTC/A.U. 1621 JUL 0 1 2004 NISHIMURA et al. Examiner: Paul A. Zucker Serial No. 09/688,169 October 16, 2000 Date: July 1, 2004 Filed: PACKED COLUMN AND POLYMERIZABLE COMPOUND TREATING METHOD Title: **USE THE SAME** MAIL STOP - FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: minus highest number 7 Total effective claims after amendment \$ 0.00 previously paid for 20 (at least 20) =minus highest number Independent claims after amendment \$ 0.00 previously paid for (at least 3) =3 \$ 0.00 If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$ (ignore improper) Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this \$ 110.00 /2 months; \$ /3 months) paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$ \$ 0.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$ \$ 0.00 Please enter the previously unentered , filed Submission attached 110.00 Subtotal \$ -\$ 0.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract Statement filed herewith Applicant claims "small entity" status. \$ 0.00 Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$ \$ 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$ 0.00 Other: TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 110.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor **NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.** By Atty: Frank P. Presta, Reg. No. 19,828

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action, dated March 2, 2004, Applicants amend the above-identified application in the following manner: